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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/764,402

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Renee S. Luebke

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 11-15, 21-25 and 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6-10, 16-20 and 26-29 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/23/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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1. Claims 22, 23, 25, 27, 29 and 30 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claims 22 and 23 lack antecedent basis for "the unused portion" and "the opening not intersected by the cable path."

Claims 25, 27, 29 and 30 lack antecedent basis for "the strain relieving neck member."

Appropriate correction is required.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-5, 11-15 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bartle, et al. (prior art – Fig. 9). This housing comprises a main section having a terminal end 8 and a wire receiving end that has a flange 9 and receives the wire 12. The strain receiving member includes a passage sized to admit the wire 12 and is selectively mountable in the direction shown and offset by 180°. The strain relief member further comprises a second flange (to the left of groove 10) that mates with the mounting flange.

4. Claims 22-25 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bartle in view of Sanchez. The assembly of Bartle lacks a cover section. However, the similar device of Sanchez comprises covers 12 for

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the purpose of improving the strain relief. As the assembly of Bartle also acts as a strain relief, it would have been obvious to include covers, as taught by Sanchez, in order to improve the operation thereof.

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The strain relief assembly of Reimer is selectively mountable to provide a plurality of discrete angularly offset positions for the wire.

6. Claims 6-10, 16-20, 26 and 28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 27 and 29 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. Any response to this action may be mailed to:
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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Mrs. Renee Luebke whose telephone number is (571) 272-2009.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mrs. Paula Bradley, can be reached at (571) 272-2800, extension 33.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RSL', written in a cursive style.

Renee S. Luebke
Primary Patent Examiner
January 6, 2005